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In re Patent Application of

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For: AN IC CARD HAVING A DEDICATED WRITE CONTROLLER FOR  
WRITING TO INCORPORATED EEPROM ON THE CARD (As Amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2001,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows. A  
Request for Continued Exam (RCE) and Petition for Extension of  
Time accompany this response.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 21-30 without prejudice or disclaimer, and  
add claims 31-34 as set forth below.

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31. A microcomputer on a semiconductor chip, the  
microcomputer comprising:  
a central processing unit;